REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, no claims have been cancelled and claims 1, 2, 6, 11, and 16 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary indicated a three (3) month period for reply; however, at page 2 of the Office Action a two (2) month shortened statutory period for reply is indicated. As a result, Applicant has docketed the deadline for, and submits the instant, Amendment prior to the expiration of the three (3) month period indicated on the Summary. If the Examiner insists, Applicant hereby agrees to pay for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the present Office Action.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 6, 11 and 16 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicant wishes to extend his gratitude to the Examiner for bringing the informalities to their attention. These claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that claims 1-20 of the application are now in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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